

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHOD FOR TREATING )  
THYROID DISORDERS ) Irvine, California

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

1. Please amend the title at page 1, line 1 of the specification from;

"METHOD FOR TREATING THYROID DISORDERS"

to:

--METHOD FOR TREATING THYROID DISORDERS WITH A  
BOTULINUM TOXIN--.

2. Please add the following at page 1, line 6 (i.e. after the title):

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--CROSS REFERENCE

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This application is a divisional of serial number 09/504,538, filed February 15, 2000--

3. At page 2, line 11 of the specification, please add a comma after the word "States", so that page 2, line 11 reads: "United States, with a lifetime risk of 1%. It is most commonly manifest in the third".

4. At page 7, line 1, please replace the comma after the word "palpation" by the word "and", so that page 7, line 1 reads: "( $\mu$ Ci/gm)/uptake (%). The weight of the thyroid gland is estimated by palpation and".

5. At page 7, line 9 replace the word "potential" by the word --potentially--.

6. Please amend page 7, line 13 from: "thyroid cells by result in later hyperthyroidism" to: --thyroid cells by radiation therapy can result in hypothyroidism--.

7. At page 10, line 27 of the specification, replace "(1976)" with --(1996)--.

8. At page 14, lines 8 and 9, replace both occurrences of the word "Shantz" by --Schantz--.

9. At page 6, line 5 of the specification amend "becoming" to --become--.

10. At page 27, line 8 of the specification before the word "locally" add the words --can be--.

11. At page 29, line 1, delete the second occurrence of the word "known".